

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the application of:

PAULISTA et al.

Serial Number: 09/297,092

Group Art Unit: 1633

Filed: May 18, 1999

Examiner: C. Stroup

For: COMPOUNDS WITH IMPROVED CARTILAGE-INDUCING AND/OR BONE-INDUCING ACTIVITY

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.121**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 9, 2000

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 9, 1999, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-13 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims.

C1 --14. An implant material suitable for cartilage and/or bone growth, comprising